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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Akihiko YOSHIDA, et al. Art Unit: 1745  
Appln No.: 10/730,256 Exr.: M. Wills  
Filed: December 9, 2003 Conf. No.: 3347  
For: ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY FOR FUEL  
CELL AND OPERATION METHOD OF FUEL CELL USING THE  
SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 15, 2007,  
Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 25-36, drawn to a gas  
diffusion layer, classified in class 429, subclass 36, with  
traverse.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction  
Requirement. No unduly extensive or burdensome search would be  
required to examine the various claims of the noted Groups in the  
same application. MPEP §803 states:

"If the search and examination of  
all the claims in an application  
can be made without serious burden,  
the Examiner must examine them on  
the merits, even though they  
include claims to distinct or  
independent inventions." (Emphasis  
added)